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HUDSON MAN CHARGED WITH SHOOTING BALD EAGLE

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton today announced the unsealing of an indictment charging Jesse Tyrone Barresse, a 32-year-old resident of Hudson, Florida, with shooting and killing a bald eagle, in violation of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. The maximum penalties Barresse faces, if convicted, are one year of imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000. Barresse had his initial appearance at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon before Magistrate Judge Thomas G. Wilson and bond was set at \$20,000.

According to the indictment, Barresse knowingly shot the bald eagle in Ruskin, Florida on January 13, 2008.

The case was investigated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Cherie L. Krigsman.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.